

STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED  
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**REMARKS**

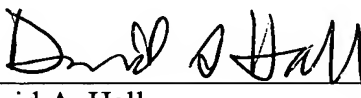
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The amendment to the specification concerning the priority claim is reflected in the application papers as originally filed. The amendment to the specification concerning federally sponsored research is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.77 and 1.78(a)(5) and in accordance with Title 37, Part 401 of the Regulations concerning federally sponsored research. No new matter has been added to specification.

In view of the amendments and above remarks, entry of the amendments and examination of the application on the merits are respectfully requested.

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